

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As stated above, Applicant elects Species A, with Claims 2, 9, 13, 14, 17-19, 22, 23, 25, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36-40, 42, 46 and 48, corresponding thereto, and respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction for the following reasons:

It is believed that any search for the Species embodied in Species A would necessarily include a search of the Species embodied in Species B. Thus, a simultaneous search for all of the Species is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

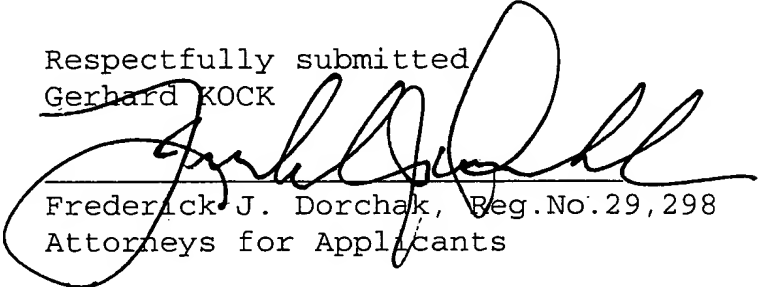
In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for both Species. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications in this case does not serve to promote the public interest because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicant would also like to point out that the Examiner has already considered claims for both Species in this Patent Application, and therefore, the imposition of an election requirement at this time appears inappropriate.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected species.

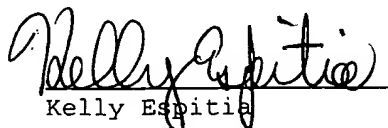
For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn, and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered. As the June 30, 2006 Office Action set a period of three months for response, it is believed that no extension of time is required for submitting the response at this time; however, if a fee should be required, the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or to credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 03-2468.

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